

Early snow covers region

Winter came early this year as Hickman Countians woke up Monday morning, more than a month before the first day of winter, to a blanket of snow covering the ground. The National Weather Service reported that snow has never fallen this early in the region, and that 2.8 inches of snow covered western Kentucky on Monday morning. The first day of winter is December 21.

While the sun came out and began to melt the snow away, the temperature barely came above freezing before dipping again to what was predicted to be a low of 15 degrees on Monday night.

Children in the community enjoyed the day off of school by sledding, making snow angels, having snow ball fights, and even having a little taste (see photo at right).

Fall decorations, straw bales, and pumpkins covered with snow made for a unique scene.

The weather pattern, nicknamed Winter Storm Bozeman, dumped 2-4 inches of snow across the Ohio Valley on its way to the northeast, where up to two feet of snow are expected.

While conditions in Hickman County were innocently fun, harsher weather was felt further north in Minnesota, where six people were killed over the weekend when icy road conditions led to collisions, and further west in Lubbock, Texas, where more than 50 accidents resulted in three fatalities.

Though several county roads were icy Monday morning, the Hickman County Sheriff's Office reported no traffic accidents.

In a reversal of normal weather conditions, temperatures in Alaska were as high as 45 degrees while it was below freezing in Clinton.

Warmer weather is expected to return later in the week, with the forecasted highs in the 40s for Wednesday through Saturday, and Hickman Countians could feel temperatures in the 60s this time next week.

Children may be saddened to see the snow melt away so soon, but they are likely to see much more in the next few months as winter progresses. They may even see a white Christmas.



Photos by Daniel Richardson

FIRST TASTE OF SNOW - Ava Coffey (6) tries a taste of the season's first snow Monday morning.



Travis Byassee captured this photo of a horse in the snow early Monday morning.



SNOWBALL FIGHT - Aileen Davis, center, gets peppered with a snowball from her nephew Isaac Minor (8) as daughter Bella Davis (2) enjoys the wintry weather.



FALL DECORATIONS COVERED IN SNOW - Ronnie and Regina Cruse's fall decorations on College Street were covered in snow Monday morning, a rare sighting as snow rarely comes into the region this time of year.

Archery coming to Hickman County Schools

Hickman County Elementary School will add an archery program to its extra-curricular activities after Thanksgiving. Elementary Principal Richard Todd, who introduced the program to board of directors a couple of months ago, updated the board at their monthly meeting Monday night about the progress of the program.

Todd said that the school currently has about 70 percent of the equipment needed for the program, and the remaining 30 percent of necessary equipment has been ordered and is on the way. There are currently two certified coaches on the school's faculty, Mr. Cox and Mr. Trussell, and more will be certified through training later this week. The program will likely utilize the school cafeteria for its after school practices, and will compete against other schools in the state. Todd said that the program will start out for third through sixth graders, and can accommodate as many students as would like to participate.

During the meeting, Todd recognized four students for outstanding performance in the area of reading. Fifth graders Brianna Campbell and Garrett Ward, and sixth graders Logan Campbell and Alyssa Kreitzburg were honored at the top of their classes in Reading improvement.

"These students started out the year as strong readers, and they also improved the most," Todd said.

Hickman County High School Principal Kevin Estes gave a report to the board about the school's testing scores compared to other schools throughout the region and state. Estes



HONORED - Shown from left are fifth graders Brianna Campbell, Garrett Ward, and sixth grader Logan Campbell. These students, along with sixth grader Alyssa Kreitzburg, were honored at Monday night's Hickman County Board of Education meeting for outstanding performance in Reading.

said that while the school's college and career readiness remains the highest in the state, the school's test scores in the areas of Math, Science, and Social Studies leave room for needed improvement.

During the meeting, the board voted to elect Kim Wilson as the board's treasurer effective January 1. Wilson will also be stepping into her new role as the Board of Education's finance office in January, after the retirement of current finance officer Susan Farlee.

Parade of lights set for Dec. 6

The Clinton-Hickman County 5th Annual Parade of Lights will be held Saturday, December 6. The tree lighting ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. on the courthouse lawn with a "Special Family" lighting the tree and then proceeding the tree lighting will be the parade. Line up will begin on Jefferson Street at 4 p.m. with judging at 4:30 p.m.

All floats and participants must have lights, except for antique cars and show cars. The committee also reminds participants that there is only one Santa and Mrs. Claus, which will be at the end of the parade. No Santa or Mrs. Claus suits please.

Monetary donations are being accepted from businesses and individuals who would like to

donate to help fund this spectacular event. Anyone wishing to make a donation may make their check payable to: Clinton-Hickman County Parade of Lights and mailed to Amy Cunningham, PO Box 175, Columbus, Kentucky 42032 or may be dropped off at Clinton Bank, 220 East Clay Street, Clinton, Kentucky.

Parade committee looks forward to seeing everyone out on this festive night of fun for you and your family! Something you won't want to miss. If you have any question please feel free to contact Amy Cunningham (270) 804-1400.

Christmas Parade of Lights Rules

ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE

Arts, Craft, and Book Fair is this weekend

The tenth annual Arts Council Fair will be held this Saturday, November 22, 8:30-2:30 at the Hickman County Elementary School gym.

More than fifty vendors will offer the public a variety of unique and personal handmade gifts. Shoppers can have lunch for \$5, have gifts wrapped on site, and enjoy live music while shopping. Free shopping bags and plentiful parking spaces make the day even better.

Face painting for the children is another plus this year so plan to attend and support your community while marking those names off your Christmas list!

Fiscal Court approves ordinance in short meeting

Daniel Richardson

The Hickman County Fiscal Court met Monday morning at 8:30 in a meeting that lasted less than ten minutes.

The lone business item on the agenda was the approval of Ordinance 2014-3, which caps the maximum taxation for occupational tax at \$750, instead of \$1,000. The ordinance passed with a unanimous vote.

Items of discussion included the Hickman County Detention Center population report, during which Hickman County Jailer Chad Barber announced that there are currently 53 state inmates housed at the facility, and Barber said he is working to get more state inmates.

Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt announced that the bridge replacement on Cosby Road had been completed by Smith Construction, and that the replacement of a bridge on Bridge Road by Coffey Construction is still underway.

The next meeting of the Hickman County Fiscal Court will be held on Monday, December 8. Barring a special session, the December 8 meeting will be the last meeting for the current court, as three new magistrates, Henry Cole, Irvin Stroud, and Kory Naranjo; a new judge executive, Kenny Wilson; and a new county attorney, Jason Batts, will take office in January.

Recycling move up to Saturday

Monthly community recycling has been moved up one week to this Saturday, Nov. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon at the county highway barn.

Obituaries

**Agnes Walker
LeRoy Floyd
Mary Davis
Martha Bostick**
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Give thanks early this year!

By giving blood at the Red Cross community blood drive on Monday, Nov. 24, noon until 6 p.m. at the Young Center. Giving thanks, giving life - it's the thing to do in any season.



CONTINUED/LOCAL NEWS

Riverine Fisheries brings new jobs to area

Charlotte Smith

Last week many local and state officials were in Hickman welcoming Riverine Fisheries International LLC to the river town nestled on the bluff near the Mississippi River. Riverine Fisheries future plans encompass a variety of objectives.

Purchasing a 75,000 square foot industrial building (the former Eagle building) and also mooring a self-contained processing vessel in the Hickman Harbor will lead to the creation of approximately 110 new jobs, beginning in March 2015.

Another key objective is the focus on eradicating Asian carp that are invading Kentucky Lake, the Mississippi River, Cumberland River, Tennessee River and even the Hickman Harbor.

According to the Watershed Council's website, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service imported grass carp from Eastern Asia to Arkansas for federal research on controlling aquatic vegetation in aquaculture ponds in 1963.

Meant to be contained, these Asian carp would eventually escape into U.S. waters in Arkansas in 1966. Fish farmers brought the fish to the state to weed out choked waters.

Flooding would lead to more fish escaping their contained habitats and in 1982 the carp were considered "established" in the wild in Arkansas.

In the early 1990s additional heavy flooding allowed more carp to escape from fish farms, some of which were located in Mississippi.

These fish have, which are now threatening America's waterways, over time slowly migrated to other rivers including the Missouri and Illinois rivers.

In 2009 electric barriers were installed to prevent the invasive Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes.

To no avail, the fish continued to spread migrating in other waterways including Indiana's Wabash River in 2010.

Founded in 2013, Riverine Fisheries was created to capitalize on the prolific growth of the invasive Asian carp throughout the U.S. and help prevent the potential invasion into the Great Lakes.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

DOCKING IN FULTON COUNTY - Joe Gilla, President of Riverine Fisheries International, LLC stands in the former Eagle Building in Hickman Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11 making the announcement of his company coming to Hickman. Riverine Fisheries plans to hire more than 100 employees as early as March. Riverine will process Asian Carp as part of an eradication plan to help preserve the American Waterways.

Riverine Fisheries President Joe Gillas would like to harvest Asian carp, helping entities like the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources save Kentucky's native fish.

They plan to catch Asian carp using equipment and technologies that have proven successful in the challenging Pacific Northwest, Atlantic coast and Alaska fishing industries.

Gillas, born and raised in Alaska, has been involved in many fisheries throughout the world. Gillas also has been key in numerous start up companies related to fisheries and new product development.

One of the key points that Riverine Fisheries is very aware of is that there are significant numbers of indigenous species that must be cared for. "It can't be just about the Asian Carp, the natural species must be taken care of," says Gillas.

Gillas explains about the Asian carp and its habitat that exists. "Asian carp ranges in an area the size of the Bering Sea in Alaska. One of the key differences is that Asian Carp also thrives in a very diversified range of waterways, deep, shallow, river, lake, pond, stream, bayou, etc. Utilizing local knowledge with our other experiences will be the key."

"In order to be a world class product the Asian Carp will need to be treated like a top quality

product from harvest to table," he added. "Riverine Fisheries will bring in new methods to ensure top quality fish which will result in top quality products."

Once the carp are harvested, the company will use the factory ship to process the fish into commercially viable products, such as surimi (imitation seafood), fishmeal, fish oil, mince and fillets. These products will be shipped to every major market in the world.

The addition of Riverine Fisheries in Hickman and Fulton County will boost job growth in a county that is consistently ranked high on the unemployment list.

"I want to thank Joe Gillas and Riverine Fisheries for locating their facilities in Hickman," stated Hickman Mayor David Lattus. "We welcome Riverine to Hickman, and I hope we can have a long and rewarding association."

"We certainly are pleased that Riverine will locate in Hickman," said Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher. "Not only will it bring jobs to the area but it will help with the Asian carp problem. Our county looks forward to working with Riverine, and we appreciate the efforts put forth by the Fulton County-Hickman County Economic Development Partnership (EDP) and others that helped locate this project in our county."

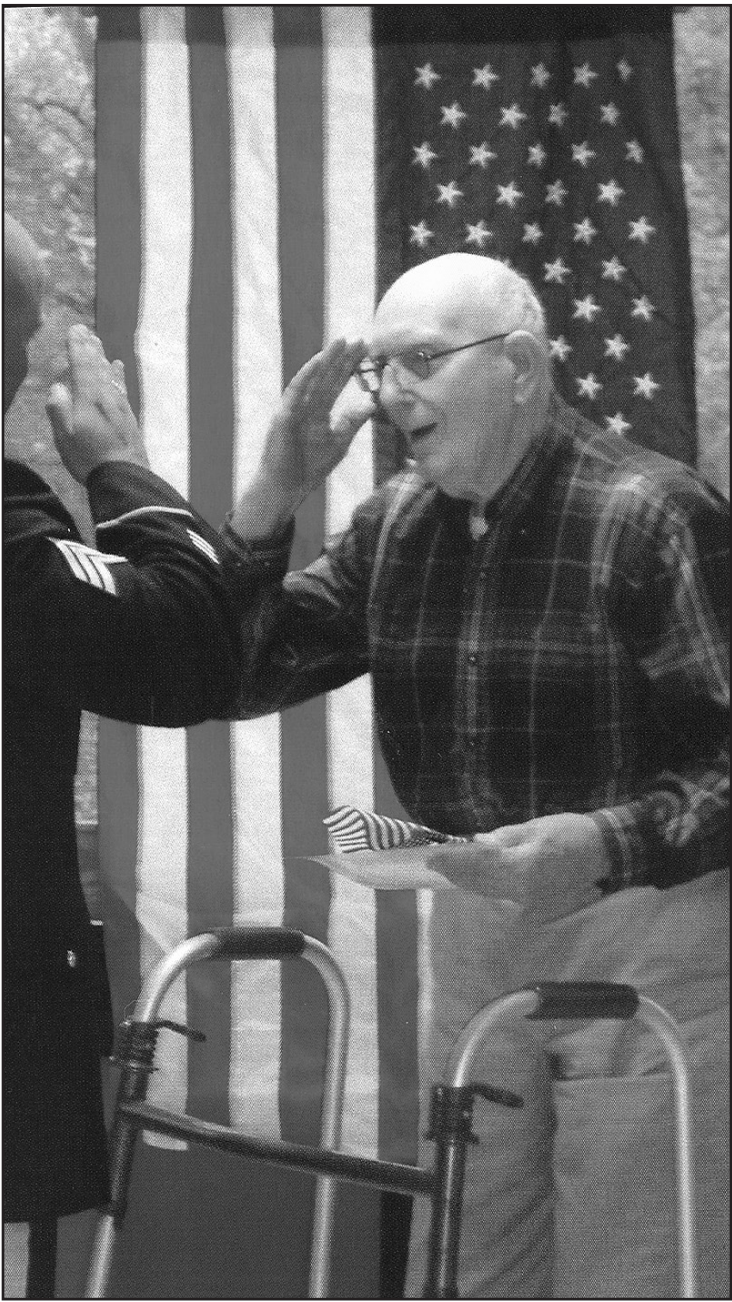
"I am excited that Riverine chose Hickman as their location

over other parts of the region. We have worked with Joe Gillas and Riverine for quite a while to get to this point," stated Eddie Crittendon, Executive Director for the EDP. "The proposed new jobs and investment will do a lot to boost the economy in Hickman and Fulton County."

Crittendon also added, "This new process will not only help take care of a problem that is out of control in our region but it will take something that has long been seen as of no value and turn it into a thriving business that will create good local jobs and many indirect jobs in the process."

Looking to the future. "Our area is a great place to do business and I wish Riverine all the success as they move forward," Crittendon commented. "I appreciate all of the support that they have received from our utilities, elected officials, state and federal offices, and our economic development partners. As they start to move forward we will be here to help in every way possible."

With any operation of this size there are a lot of moving parts so the exact date to start production is somewhat flexible, but the intent is to start production in the early spring. "The ship will arrive a couple months in advance of the production start so there will be time to hire staff, train everyone and do experimental testing," concluded Gillas.



SALUTE - Veteran Robert McClure salutes Sergeant Snapper Seaton, who visited with the veterans at ICF on Veterans Day.

ICF honors veterans

Sgt. Snapper Seaton spoke to the veterans, residents, staff and visitors at Clinton-Hickman county ICF last Tuesday on Veterans Day. Sgt. Seaton stated in his tribute, "We're here today to honor our heroes, to remember their achievements, their courage and their dedication, and to say thank you for their sacrifices. Thinking of the heroes who join us in this group today and those who are here only in spirit, a person can't help but feel awed by what we encounter. We stand in the midst of patriots and the family and friends of those who have nobly served."

Sgt. Seaton spoke with each veteran and presented them with a flag and certificate of honor and recognition from the ICF staff and residents. The pledge of allegiance was said, patriotic songs sung and all American apple pie with ice cream was enjoyed by all. Sgt. Seaton's wife, Holly, helped with the ceremony and serving the residents. ICF thanks all veterans for their service. Also, a special thanks to Sgt. Seaton and Holly for their time and service to our veterans, to this community, and to our country.

District Court Report

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 11/17/14. This is not an official docket.

Jesse Alan Abeita. Unlawful Transaction W/Minor 1st Degree III. Cont. Substance, U/16. Person 18-20 Poss./Purchase/Att. Purchase/Have Another Purchase Alcohol. Traffic Cont. Substance Within 1,000 Feet of School. Pleaded not guilty. Preliminary hearing set for 11/24/14. Recognized to be at Grand Jury 11/20/14.

Timothy Crisp. Unlawful Transaction W/Minor 1st Degree III. Cont. Substance U/16. Pleaded not guilty. Preliminary Hearing set for 11/24/14. Recognized to be at Grand Jury 11/20/14.

Brian Claxton. Local City Ordinance. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 12/1/14.

Tanner R. Crider. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. Show cause 12/1/14.

Victoria A. Davis. Theft By Deception-Include Cold Checks U/\$500. Pleaded guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. To have no further offenses for two years. No checks 90 days and never again to Greg's.

Kendall J. Martin. Illegal Possession of Legend Drug. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 12/15/14.

Raymond Marshall Millett.

Improper Equipment. Div. 6 mo. entered. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Dismiss on proof.

Carolyn M. Reynolds. Theft By Deception-Include Cold Checks U/\$50. Continued to 11/24/14 per County Attorney Morris.

Ike R. Rose. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. Amend to 9 Mph. Over. Pleaded guilty. \$18 fine suspended.

Kelta Marie Cobb. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Pleaded guilty. Found in contempt. 30 days, conditionally discharged one year or further order of court.

Kevin Carr. Violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO. Continued to 12/15/14.

Kevin M. Carr. Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence Minor Injury. Continue to 12/15/14.

Brian E. Hopkins. Diversion Completion. Dismiss as compliant.

Cassandra J. Mayes. Diversion Completion. Speeding 20 Mph. Over Limit. Not compliant. Reinstate Hearing 12/1/14.

Michael J. Wood. Show Cause Hearing. Cause shown.

Tina H. Merrell. Review CSW. Proof of 8 hours shown.

Sharkia Warlick. Review CSW. Show cause 12/1/14.

Robin E. Johnson. Op. MV Under/Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, etc. .08, 1st off. Pleaded guilty. 30 days conditionally discharged two

years. License suspended 90 days. \$200 fine.

Amanda Margaret Warren. Pretrial Conference. Refer to drug court for assessment. Continue Pretrial Conference to 12/1/14.

Randy C. Barnett. Preliminary Hearing. Traffic in Marijuana >5 lbs.- 1st offense. Cultivation of Marijuana, 5 or more plants, 1st offense. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Probable cause found. Grand Jury 11/20/14.

Christopher Brian Burkeen. Preliminary Hearing. Def. waived preliminary hearing. Attorney not present. Recognized to appear 11/20/14.

Crystal Crumble. Preliminary Hearing. Pretrial Conference set or 12/15/14.

Thomas Curtis. Preliminary Hearing. Continued to 12/8/14.

Jeremy L. Grooms. Court trial. Assault 4th Degree Minor Injury. Dismiss w/out prejudice.

Jamale A. Haynes. Preliminary Hearing. Pretrial Conference set for 12/1/14. Tampering With Physical Evidence. Dismiss without Prejudice.

Christopher Devon Shields. Preliminary Hearing. Pretrial Conference set for 12/15/14. Tampering with Physical Evidence. Dismiss without Prejudice.

HCHS Honor Roll

Students with all A's for 1st 9 weeks

7th grade
Tyler Abernathy
Presley Ballantine
Audrey Byassee
Kendra Curlin
Parker Estes
Kathryn Hogancamp
Gracie Lusk
Madalyn Mathis
Charity Shelton

8th grade

Cheyenne Basch
Nathan Blalock
Isabella Buckingham
Hannah Carroll
Ward Carter
Gabrielle Collins
Bobbi Crumble
Ethan Jackson
Marcus Land
Isaac Madding
Jordyn Naranjo
Lauren Pittman
Brianna Stairs
Will Templeton
Kortnee Woolard

9th grade

Tristin Boaz
Chase Boaz
Nathan Hartsell
Nathan Howell

Camryn Jackson
Averee Jewell
Hunter Leblanc
Cassidy Luker
Alyssa More
Winter Smith

10th grade

Baylee Estes
Christina Harper
Jalisha Hunter
Julie Jackson
Tyler Larkins
Jasmine Myatt
Jasmyn Rushing

11th grade

Elizabeth Hannon
Hope Harper
Sarah Harpole
Jonathan Reynolds
Teri Rickey
Maiesha Simmons
Savannah Sublette
Hallie Wilkey
Ben Wilson

12th grade

Steven Allen
Kayla Michelle Boaz
Bailey Clark
Avery Cloar
Courtney Collier
Stacy Fujisawa
Terrence Hussey

Hallie Jackson
Tyler Johnson
Madison Mitchell
Franki Richey
Alisha Samuel
Kaylee Webb
Kaitlin Woolard

Students with A's and B's for 1st nine weeks

7th grade
Samuel Bell
Dylan Campbell
Grant Davis
Mckenzie Dyer
Charles Guess
Dylan Hicks
Mallorie Hobbs
Brandi Hornback
Leigh Jones
Dawson Narnajo
Akacia Taylor
Emma Whitlock
Jadyn Williams

8th grade

Camden Aldridge
Samuel Armbruster
John Batts
Stormie Blanton
Cade Brockwell
Kelsi Bullington
Harlee Byassee
Zachary Etherton
Lauren Fincher
Trevor Florence

Samuele Gallimore
Ezekiel Goodman
Laken Grubbs
Makayla Hardin
Tevin Hussey
Austin Rittenberry
Zoie Spillman
Nickolas Trull

9th grade

Casey Archey
Cameron Barber
Caylee Barnett
Carley Byassee
Adriann Crider
Adreanna Ferguson
Summer Jackson
Chelsea Johnson
William Jones
Jacob Myers
Taylor Ramage
Ally Samuel
Jakob Stahr

10th grade

Emerald Cloar
Brianna Crider
Audrey Frizzell
Sarah Gardner
Evan Jackson
Lauren Jenkins
Darla Keene
Dallas Patey
Logan Pittman

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BOOTH HARVESTS 10-POINT BUCK

Tiffany Booth killed a 10 point buck, it weighed 170 pounds in Carlisle County, with a 30 06 (modern firearm) on Monday November 10th, 2014.

Send your deer photos to news@hickmancountygazette.com to see your photos in the Hickman County Gazette!



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EDITORIAL/AGRICULTURE

Lower fuel prices

Last week I wrote about our area being as beautiful as any in the east as pertains to the landscapes and the fall colors. At least that's what we saw in our travels to the New England area.

What I did not write about was the price of gasoline, which dropped just in time for our lengthy road trip. For the first time in a long time I didn't dread pulling up to the pumps.

The south is experiencing some of the cheapest gas prices in the nation. In Tennessee, the last week's average price was 2.67 per gallon of regular unleaded gasoline, which is three cents cheaper than the week before and 28 cents per gallon cheaper than a month ago and 39 cents per gallon cheaper than last year, according to reports from AAA, the Auto Club Group whose card I carry.

It is even less than that this week.

AAA says that prices should continue to drop through the winter months as demand lowers and many pumps sell a cheaper winter blend of gasoline.

The report from AAA also said that the price of oil is the lowest since October 2011. A barrel of WTI oil settled at \$75.82 on the NYMEX Friday - a \$2.83 decline from the week prior. The shale boom has helped boost domestic oil supply to the highest level in three decades, which has helped put downward pressure on oil and gasoline prices.

Gas is not cheap all over the country for whatever reason. We paid more than a dollar per gallon more in New Jersey and New York State.

Gas prices make a huge difference in the price on a trip and we were happy when we got back to the south where we bought gas again for less than \$2.60 per gallon.

I sure hope that AAA is correct and that gas prices do continue to drop through the winter. Filling up one vehicle does not make much of an impact but when there are several delivery vans pulling up to the pumps each week it adds up to a big chunk.

McConnell should prevent one-sided emissions deal

When Senator Mitch McConnell visited Hickman County on a campaign stop in early August, he made the statement that President Obama's environmental agenda is "bad for America, and particularly bad for Kentucky."

During the president's most recent trip to Asia, he struck the beginnings of an emissions "agreement" with Chinese leadership that could be the most dangerous act yet. Under the so-called deal, the United States is required to cut its emissions by a quarter by the year 2025, while China will merely try to stop increasing emissions by 2030.

What a deal this is for the manufacturing giant that has taken thousands of American jobs by enticing manufacturers with ultra-low labor costs and easy regulations. Now they stand prepared to overcome more American manufacturing competition by offering relatively lower energy costs as well. As American emission regulations are seeing coal-fired power plants decommissioned or not maintained, energy costs for American manufacturers, and everyone else for that matter, are on a steady rise.

While we scramble to find less efficient, more expensive ways to produce electricity, China is burning all the coal they can find in their pursuit to out-produce their American competition.

If Congress approves of this one-sided deal, which is necessary for the deal to become official, we will see more and more manufacturers going overseas. The manufacturers that dare to stay will continue to be out-priced by Chinese competitors and will have a hard time staying in business. If this agreement comes to fruition, it should, at the bare minimum, come with steep tariffs for goods imported from China until their CO2 emissions are brought under control. The tariffs will help offset the growing price differences of foreign versus domestic products, and the revenue could be used to pursue more "clean energy," since that is working so well for us (see Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System, ISEGS, which is frying birds in mid-air on its way to becoming Solyndra 2.0).

As the newly-elected Senate Majority Leader, McConnell will have the power to prevent the sellout of American manufacturers. He believes that he has enough support from Senate democrats to prevent this and take other action against the growing regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency.

We are geographically as far away from coal mining that we can be while still being in Kentucky, but the effects of the war on coal and cost-efficient energy have a negative effect on all of us. Our neighbors in Paducah are already paying the highest rate in Kentucky for energy due to Paducah Power's collapse, blamed on the poor performance of the Prairie State Energy Campus. It's a messy situation that has businesses closing their doors because they can't afford to keep their lights on. News broke last week that Paducah residents and businesses shouldn't hope to see any lower rates before June.

While the Paducah Power Service situation is unique to Paducah, the effects of soaring energy cost in McCracken County can serve as a preview to life in the rest of the country if stricter emissions regulations are enforced. Higher electric bills for your home, higher production costs for anything produced domestically, and higher costs for domestic consumer goods as operating costs trickle down to the consumer.

THE WAY I SEE IT



DANIEL RICHARDSON

Cattle producers to vote Thursday at Extension office on referendum

For more than 30 years, Kentucky farmers have supported the beef industry through a per-head checkoff program. When it began in 1976, the checkoff was 10 cents per head. The passage of the 1985 Farm Bill replaced with state program with a Federal Beef Checkoff program of \$1 per head when a beef animal is sold during its lifetime. Half of the money comes back to Kentucky to support state beef promotion through the Kentucky Beef Council.

When the Federal program was threatening to end in 2004, Kentucky producers overwhelmingly supported reinstating a state checkoff and even an additional checkoff if the Federal program stayed intact.

In May 2014, the Kentucky



Cattlemen's Association appointed a Kentucky Beef Checkoff Task Force. This group made an application to the Kentucky Board of Agriculture requesting a referendum to add an additional \$1 state beef checkoff program in the state.

Many producers believe this unique checkoff will strengthen beef demand not only in Kentucky, but across the country and beyond. The funds will allow Kentucky beef producers

between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Voting is open to all producers of bovine animals involved in the marketing or sale of bovine animals in Kentucky. If the referendum passes, the Kentucky Beef Promotion Council will take on the responsibility of overseeing the funds. This council is made up of beef and dairy producers and industry professionals.

For more information, contact Mattea Mitchell at the Hickman Cooperative Extension Service by calling (270) 653-2231 or visit <http://www.kycattle.org>.

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Farm Bill Grain Sign-up Has Begun

By Mattea Mitchell, Hickman County Extension Agent for ANR

The opportunity for grain producers to choose the type of coverage that they will have under the 2014 Farm Bill began on November 17 and runs through March 31, 2015. Producers have a choice between a safety net for prices, called Price Loss Coverage (PLC); or a revenue safety net, called Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), which has 2 options. USDA's Direct Payments and Counter-Cyclical Payments have been discontinued under the new Farm Bill.

Prior to electing a coverage type, landowners have a one-time opportunity to update their payment yields (based upon 90% of a farm's 2008-2012 average yields) and to reallocate their farm base acres based upon the share of 2009-2012 acres planted to program crops. Reallocated base acres cannot exceed the total 2013 base acres.

Most land owners should take a look at updating farm yields. This is an important opportunity because in the past farmers have had few chances to update USDA program yields. And depending upon the program in which the farm is enrolled, higher program yields may translate into higher program payments when they are made.

The decision to update yields can be made on a crop-by-crop basis. Update a crop yield when it improves your program yield, or don't update if it won't

improve your program yield.

Updating yields is the privilege and responsibility of the land owner; but in cash rent situations, the landlord will likely be dependent upon his/her tenant for the information needed to update yields. Satisfactory documentation of yields must be provided to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in order to update program yields. Tenants should communicate with their landlords to make sure that the opportunities for updating yields and reallocating bases are evaluated and acted upon if beneficial for the farm.

A person who has a FSA Power of Attorney (POA) for a farm owner or owners may reallocate farm bases or update farm yields if the POA agreement for that farm specifically states that the POA is valid for "All Current and Future Programs and All Actions." Common courtesy would dictate that the Power of Attorney should consult with the land owner(s) prior to reallocating bases or proving yields.

The Farm Service Agency sent out information in August that lists each farm's 2014 program crop base acres and counter-cyclical yields, and the 2008-2012 planting history. This information can be used to evaluate whether it will be beneficial to update yields or reallocate base acres. The final date for updating yields and/or reallocating bases is February 27, 2015. However, land owners or their POAs should plan to complete yield updates and/or base reallocations as soon

as possible, because FSA offices will get busier as the signup deadlines approach.

While the decisions to update yields or reallocate bases belong to landlords, the decision about "electing" or choosing the coverage type will belong to the tenants or producers on a given farm. According to the Congressional Research Service, "The 2014 Farm Bill defines a producer as an owner-operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper that shares in the risk of producing a crop and is entitled to a share of the crop produced on the farm." Making a choice between PLC, ARC-County, and ARC-Individual may not be easy, because there are a wide range of price and yield scenarios that could play out over the next five years. It's also possible that the 2014 Farm Bill could be in effect for more than five years.

There are two USDA-sponsored Farm Bill decision tools on the internet. The simpler tool was created by a coalition led by the University of Illinois. It is found at <http://fsa.usapas.com/>. The second tool which incorporates more producer variables, was created by the National Association of Agriculture and Food Policy (NAAFP) led by the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri, and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University. It is found at <https://usda.afpc.tamu.edu/>.

In order to utilize these tools, a producer will need to

have information on a farm's bases, counter cyclical yields, 2008-2012 planting history, 2008-2012 actual yields, and crop insurance plans; and at a bare minimum will need to make some assumptions about grain prices over the next five years. In a couple of weeks, we will begin assisting producers here at the Hickman County Extension Office with evaluating the Farm Bill coverage options using one or both of these web tools. The Hickman/Fulton County FSA Office staff will assist producers with many of your Farm Bill questions, but they are not allowed to help farmers choose which coverage option to sign up for.

There are two regional Farm Bill educational meetings that are set for Monday, December 1, 10 a.m. until noon at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton, and Tuesday, December 2, 10 a.m. until noon at the Christian County Extension Office in Hopkinsville. There will also be other educational opportunities in and around Hickman County during the winter months. If you are interested in attending either regional meeting, contact Mattea Mitchell at the Hickman County Extension Office at (270)653-2231.

Farmers also need to remember that under the 2014 Farm Bill, the foundation of USDA's safety net for grain producers is crop insurance, which makes up about 75 percent of the revenue protection that is available for grain crops.

EyeCare Associates of Kentucky donates 150 eye exams this holiday season

EyeCare Associates of Kentucky wants to help those in need this holiday season.

Last year, Mayfield optometrists Drs. Donise Sheridan and Tonia Batts, created the program called "The 25 Days of Christmas" because they wanted to give back to the community. During the month of December they provided 50 comprehensive eye exams to individuals who could not otherwise obtain vision care.

"We were so overwhelmed with the amount of patients needing care that this year we decided to include all 5 locations," said Dr. Sheridan, "We received thank you notes and cards from several of those that we helped last year."

This year, all five locations of EyeCare Associates of Kentucky will participate in "The 25 Days of Christmas." The group will provide a total of 150 free comprehensive eye exams. Dr. Mark Owens, optometrist in the Paducah office and President of EyeCare Associates said, "The gift of sight is greatest gift that we can offer our community."

If a patient needs glasses, a complete pair may be purchased for \$25. All glasses proceeds from "The 25 Days of Christmas" program will be donated to the Kentucky Vision Project (KVP). For more than two decades the KVP has provided over 20

million dollars worth of free eye exams across the state. The program is funded solely by private donations. "The KVP is a valuable program which we have supported over the years", says Dr.Batts, "This year we are honored to give even more to the program."

To qualify for "The 25 days of Christmas" program a patient must not be enrolled

in a vision insurance plan or medical insurance plan that covers vision services, including Medicare and Medicaid. "We want to help patients that do not otherwise have the resources to obtain comprehensive vision care," says Dr. Owens.

EyeCare Associates will begin accepting appointments on November 19th to fill the 150 spots. These 150 appointments

will be split among the five offices throughout the month of December. EyeCare Associates of Kentucky reserves the right to exclude any individual, for whatever reason, from the program. For more information please visit www.ecak.com.



VISITING ROTARY - Dianne Dunn, County Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency in Clinton, center, visited with the Clinton Rotary Club Wednesday and spoke about corn and soybean production. She is shown with Mary Jo Duke, program director, left, and current club president Daniel Richardson.

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By Tammy Byrd

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Remember in prayer Helen Bostick, Roger Douglas, and Ralph Laster, our nation and its leaders, the nursing home residents, our youth, our pastors and their families, and our service men and women. Our Christian sympathy to the families of Miriam Gardner, Laverne Davis, Martha Bostick, and Agnes Walker. In closing, it's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived. Have a blessed week and stay warm!

Second Baptist Church News

By Teresa Walton Pearson

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Prior to joining Brown-Forman, Raspberry most recently served as a Category Manager of National Accounts. Prior to that, she was a Region Business Analyst in the Southeast Region. Raspberry previously worked for Brown-Forman in finance for the Central and Atlantic Divisions from 2005 to 2010. She also previously held accounting positions with Texas Roadhouse, Inc, Christian Care Communities and Lexmark.

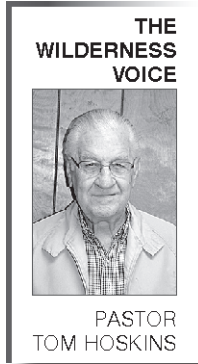


Keoisha Raspberry

She is the daughter of L'Tanya Crumble & Danny Knox; and the granddaughter of Monzolla Lumson & Marie Knox.

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Teaching your Kids to be Thankful

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to teach your kids about being thankful. Here are some ideas to teach your children how to appreciate the blessings in their lives.

Giving Thanks Placemats - The goal of this craft is to create a collage filled with drawings and pictures of all the things your children are thankful for. Cut photos from magazines, or print some photos from your computer. Older children can write captions under the photos or draw their own. Be sure to put the child's name and the year on it. If you make this collage from two standard letter size pieces of construction paper taped side-by-side, you can take the completed collage to a copy shop when you're done and have it laminated. It then becomes a placemat that you can use every Thanksgiving for years to come.

Thankful Paper Chain - Another way to remind your children of their blessings is to create a paper chain. This is similar to a regular paper chain - where you cut strips of paper and connect them together as loops, but there's one difference. You write on the strips of paper before you connect them. Write the things you are thankful for with your children. For instance, "Grandma plays games with me" or "My teacher is nice." The fun part of this activity is to make the chain as long as possible - showing all your blessings. If you'd like to keep this up during Christmas, just use green and white paper.

Thanksgiving Tree - This is another take on the idea above and works really well if you have several kids in the family. Get each child to trace their hand on yellow, red, or brown construction paper. Cut out the

hand shapes and write (or have the child write) what they are thankful for on the hand shape. Cut a tree trunk shape out of brown construction paper. Glue it on a large piece of poster board. Let the kids add their hand shapes as leaves above the tree trunk, turning it into a beautiful fall colored tree.

Thankful Book - This idea is similar to the others, except it's more of a keepsake. Purchase a photo album or scrapbook kit and make a "blessings" theme. Add photos of loved ones, including stories about why they are special to you. Also, include pages of your favorite foods, favorite stories, favorite movies and all the other things that make you happy. Any time your kids feel down, you can open your blessing book to see all the reasons you have to be happy - and thankful for the blessings in your life.

Area Announcements

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- **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month
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- **The Hickman Co. Historical and Genealogical Society Center** is open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208
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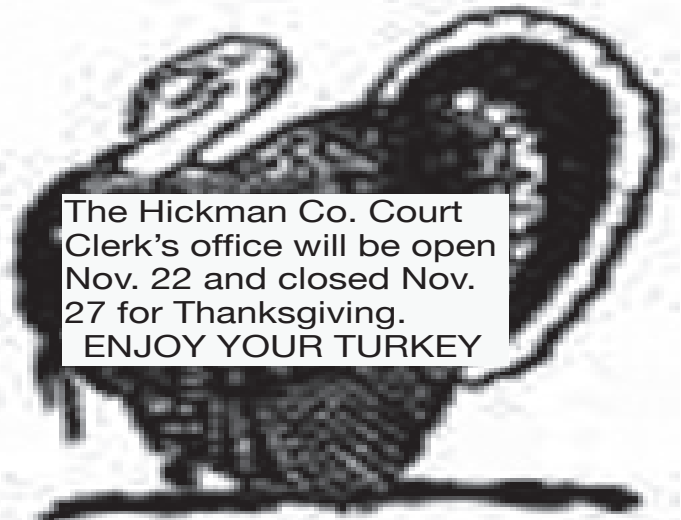


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Ethan Carter
Abby Coffey
Danielle Cruse
Noah Cunningham
Hannah Curlin
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Hailey Dixon
Autumn Driver
Noah Ferguson
Shelby Highbaugh
Mckenzie Hobbs
Joey James
Max Jewell
Jordan Mathis
Samantha Osborne
Zeke Prince
Alec Spillman
Trent Stairs

12th grade

Kayla Marie Boaz
Chelsey Crawford
Emily Crider
Nekoda Crider
Sharanda Crumble
Haley-Marie Ellegood
Jade Florence
James Henderson
Jordyn Jackson
Hunter Johnson
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Kinsey Lock
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Tailor Massey
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Rayshun Shields
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Tyler Westbrooks

New tech at elementary school, courtesy of local donors

As a result of donations from the community and other supporters, every classroom in Hickman County Elementary School now has at least one new student work station.

At the beginning of the school year, the HCES PTO and Principal Richard Todd asked the community for donations to improve technology at Hickman County Elementary. Supporters of the school system responded in a huge way. Approximately \$9,000 was donated to help meet student needs for classroom computers. That money was used to purchase more than 30 classroom student work stations.

“I never dreamed that we would be able to do this, especially this quickly,” Todd said. The new HCES principal added that the outpouring of financial support for technology needs in the school was an outstanding reflection on the entire county, and its backing for the local school system.

“When I came here, I was so impressed at how the community supports the school system and programs such as the Falcon Academy, Back to School Night, and other initiatives that help students. This is just another example of that community support,” Todd said.

The server and student work stations arrived about two weeks ago, and Cindy Lacewell, district technology assistant for Hickman County, immediately began installing

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Principal,
Hickman County
Elementary School

them in classrooms. She and Scott Lawrence had the stations ready quickly for student use. The results are already visible, as students use the work stations for research, centers, Accelerated Reader tests, Renaissance Learning STAR reading and math assessment, typing assignments, and other functions.

The computer work stations run through a server, and are actually imputing stations that seemingly function faster than even regular computers. The purchase of the server and imputing stations was made after discussions with HCES faculty and staff, district administration, the HCES site-based council, the school’s technology committee, and the PTO in order to maximize the available funding to match student needs.

Donations for the computers were made by Citizens Deposit Bank, Linda Clark, Danny and Adele Ferrell, Marty Webb, Bobby and Diana Yates, Ray Farms, Shirley Rice, Steven and Andrea Davis, and one donor who wished to remain anonymous.



NEW WORKSTATIONS AT HCES

Above, third grade students (from left) Maggie Rohrer, Tyler Hoff and Cayce Higgins are among the hundreds of students at HCES who are benefitting from the new computer work stations. The pallet of new student work stations that were delivered recently to Hickman County Elementary is shown at right. Thanks to community donations of approximately \$9,000, more than 30 work stations have been installed in all classrooms from kindergarten through sixth grade at HCES.



BUSINESS & Review

Dr. Smith’s office has provided quality healthcare to Hickman County for more than a decade

This week’s Featured Business is Bruce C. Smith, MD, located at 308 South Washington Street, in Clinton, Kentucky.

Dr. Smith has been serving Hickman County since 1984. He, along with his staff Laura Berry, office manager, and Leisa Gibson, nursing assistant, provide medical care to patients within the county. Berry has been with Dr. Smith since he opened his private practice in May, 2004. Gibson came on board in January, 2005.

Dr. Smith’s private practice originated in part of the Arbor Place building, and

began serving patients at their current location at 308 South Washington, Clinton, in December, 2009.

Dr. Smith is passionate about his profession and enjoys communicating with his patients and the community. His office offers services including check-ups, physicals, blood work, and vaccines such as flu shots. Smith’s office welcomes all ages of clients and accepts most insurances.

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Dr. Bruce Smith, center, with office manager Laura Berry and nursing assistant Leisa Gibson.

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SPORTS / NEWS

Red/White game set for Nov. 21

Hickman County basketball fans will have a great opportunity to meet this year's athletes on Friday night, November 21, as the Annual Hickman County Red/White games will be played at Hickman County High School.

All basketball teams will be introduced, including the high school boys and girls varsity, junior varsity, and middle school teams. Fans will also enjoy the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and Pepettes, as they will perform at the event. The Hickman County High School Falcons and Lady Falcons will each hold an intersquad scrimmage to give the fans a preview of the athleticism that will be on display as the teams begin their 2014/2015 seasons.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m., and concessions will be available. Admission will be only \$1 per person. The HCIS Falcons and Lady Falcons will begin their regular season on Monday, December 1 with their home opener against Community Christian Academy.

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JUMP SHOT - Middle School Falcon Jordyn Naranjo puts up a shot Friday in the Falcons' win at South Fulton. The Falcons led the whole game to win 49-39. Naranjo was the game's leading scorer with 30 points. The Lady Falcons fell to the Lady Red Devils 32-20.

Test Score Analysis Night is Nov. 18

Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium

7th grade students will be receiving the results of the spring K-PREP assessments.

8th grade students will be receiving the results of the spring K-PREP assessments and the fall EXPLORE assessment.

9th grade students will be receiving the results of the spring K-PREP assessments.

10th grade students will be receiving the results of the fall PLAN assessment.

11th grade students will be receiving the results of the spring K-PREP assessment, End of Course assessments, and the fall ASVAB assessment.

12th grade students will be receiving the results of the spring K-PREP assessment, End of Course assessments, the fall ASVAB (if taken) and will hear important financial aid information from the Director of Financial Aid at Murray State University.



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Accomplishments: 3.95 GPA, 2014-15 Yearbook Editor, Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program 2014 Graduate, 27 ACT, role in Drama Club plays since Freshman year, FBLA treasurer, VP of Community Service in Beta Club

FUTURE PLANS: To attend the University of Kentucky and pursue a career as a pharmacist.



Amber Jones

John and Laura Jones

CLUBS: Beta Club, FFA

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Honor Roll (4 years), IC3 Certification passed, KOSSA in Agriculture and in Business.

FUTURE PLANS: To attend Academy of Art University and major in Illustration.



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